End-Of-Grade 9 English Test

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Task 1

(A) Listen to two people talking about films. Write true **(T)** or false **(F)**. ***(16 points)***

__T__ 0) Andy has just seen The Incredible Hulk.

_____ 1) Andy thought The Incredible Hulk was amazing.

_____ 2) He can't hear very well because he's been to a rock concert.

_____ 3) At first, Sophie thinks Andy is talking about an older film.

_____ 4) Andy's favourite film is Brokeback Mountain.

_____ 5) Sophie asks Andy to recommend a film to her.

_____ 6) Andy thinks Sophie should watch The Incredible Hulk.

_____ 7) Andy says Kung Fu Panda is a brand new film.

_____ 8) Sophie has got two sons.

_____ 9) Andy suggests they all go to see the film.

_____ 10) They agree to go to the cinema on Sunday.

(B) Listen again. Circle the correct letter.

11) What Andy didn't like about The Incredible Hulk was

(A) the fact the film was too loud. (B) the acting because it was silly.

12) The new version of The Incredible Hulk

(A) was directed by Ang Lee. (B) wasn't directed by Ang Lee.

13) Sophie says she has seen

(A) The Incredible Hulk. (B) Brokeback Mountain.

14) Sophie's idea of a 'fun' film

(A) is entertaining: an animation or a comedy. (B) has loud music; a lot of fast-moving action.

15) Kung Fu Panda is being shown

(A) every day. (B) at the weekend.

16) Andy suggests that after watching the film with their children

(A) they should meet up with Sophie's husband.

(B) they should take them out for a meal.

Task 2

(A) Listen to five people who saw a bank robbery. Match them with statements **a–e**.

(17 points)

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

a) I saw four people who were involved in the robbery.

b) I think it was the man in the hat who carried the rucksack.

c) There was somebody else with me when I saw the robbery.

d) When the robbery started, I was in the bank.

e) The woman put the stolen money in the rucksack.

(B) Listen again. Write true **(T)** or false **(F).**

_____ 1. The first witness was reading a newspaper when the robbery started.

_____ 2. The second witness didn't know what time it happened.

_____ 3. The third witness spoke to one of the bank robbers.

_____ 4. The fourth witnesses had finished his dessert when the robbers arrived.

_____ 5. The fifth witness took twenty pounds out of a cash machine.

(C) Complete the policeman's notes with the missing information.

Incident: bank robbery on main square

1. Time of incident: around _____
2. Number of suspects: _____ people

   (_____ male and _____ female)
3. How they arrived at the scene: _____
4. What they stole: _____
5. What they were carrying: _____

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Task 1 *(7 points)*

Read the text below and decide which word (**A**, **B** or **C**) best fits each gap (**26–32**).
Write the letter in the gap.
An example (0) has been done for you.

Scotland's Loch Ness monster disappears

The notorious Loch Ness monster, Nessie, seems to have disappeared as no confirmed sightings have been made *(0)* __B__ over a year.

According to Gary Campbell, in the last 18 months no one **(26)** ____ the Loch Ness monster. Mr Campbell lives in Inverness and has been keeping a record of Loch Ness monster sightings for the past 17 years. He has records that date back **(27)** ____ some 1,500 years. Campbell said, "It's very upsetting news and we don't know where she's gone. The number of sightings has been falling since the turn of the century but this is the first time in almost 90 years that Nessie **(28)** ____ at all."

It was in 1933 that the world's attention was caught by a story in a local newspaper about a monstrous head. A few years later, the monster was photographed but this turned out **(29)** ____ a trick. The earliest records about the monster are from 565 A.D. and legend says that Saint Columba scared the monster away.

There are several myths **(30)** ____ the Loch Ness monster. Last year, people noticed a strange curved neck popping up and down off the coast of Magnetic Island, Australia, and related it to Scotland's Nessie. But others said it was just **(31)** ____ half-sunken boat mistaken as the mythical monster.

Campbell told BBC News, "So far 1,036 reported sightings have been recorded and there were some in 2015. I'm convinced that Nessie has just **(32)** ____ some time out and will be back with a vengeance this year."

0.	*A since*	*B for*	*C almost*
26.	**A** has spotted	**B** was spotted	**C** spotted
27.	**A** for	**B** to	**C** over
28.	**A** won't be seen	**B** isn't seen	**C** hasn't been seen
29.	**A** to be	**B** being	**C** –
30.	**A** surround	**B** surrounded	**C** surrounding
31.	**A** –	**B** a	**C** the
32.	**A** took	**B** taken	**C** taking

Task 2 *(8 points)*

Read the **text.** Use the **correct form** of the words in **brackets** to complete the text.
An example (0) has been done for you.

A dog wheelchair

We all want our dogs to have the best life possible and often go to great lengths to ensure their *(0)* *happiness* (***happy***), comfort, and (48) _____ (**safe**). This problem is more important when the dog has a (**49**) _____ (**disable**), which is why the FiGo wheelchair is such an exciting (**50**) _____ (**discover**). FiGo is one of the coolest wheelchairs we have seen for dogs who have difficulty with (**51**) _____ (**walk**).

The wheelchair was invented by a (52) _____ (**Canada**) digital media artist, Rickee, who designed the first chair for a seven-year-old French bulldog named Anne Murray. The dog's owner, Martha J, wanted a chair to reflect the dog's personality, so she turned to Rickee who used 3D printing and (**53**) _____ (**tradition**) materials to fulfil this requirement.

Rickee is now working on the second prototype of the wheelchair which is much (**54**) _____ (**easy**) to print. It is Rickee's hope that any dog owner can use it to build a (**55**) _____ (**fashion**) wheelchair if and when it may be needed.

Task 3 *(9 points)*

Read the text below. Some words have been removed from the text. Fill in the gaps (**47–55**) with the correct words from the word bank. You can use each word only **once**. There are **three extra words** that you do not need to use. *An example (0) has been done for you.*

a	by	its	over	to	the	*with*
an	it	it's	said	told	where	

Parrot missing for years returns speaking Spanish

A pet parrot that spoke *(0)* ___*with*___ a British accent when it disappeared from its home four years ago has been reunited with (**47**) _____ owner — and the bird now speaks Spanish. The reunion was organised (**48**) _____ a Southern California veterinarian, Teresa Micco, who mistook Nigel, (**49**) _____ African grey parrot, for her own missing bird, a local newspaper reported. Micco then tracked Nigel's microchip to Darren Chick, a Brit who lives in Torrance.

"I introduced myself and asked, 'Have you lost (**50**) _____ bird?'" Micco said. "He initially said, 'No.' But he thought I meant recently."

She confirmed Chick's name and (**51**) _____ that she had found his African grey parrot. "He looked at me like I was crazy. He said Nigel had gone missing four years earlier."

Little is known about Nigel's whereabouts during the past four years, but (**52**) _____ bird's British accent is gone, and (**53**) _____ now chatters in Spanish.

Chick says last week's reunion brought tears of joy (**54**) _____ his eyes, despite the fact that Nigel bit him when he first tried to pick him up. "He's doing perfect," Chick (**55**) _____ the newspaper a few days later. "It's really weird. I knew it was him from the minute I saw him."

Task 4 *(7 points)*

Read the text and the statements (**33-39**) on the next page, and decide which statement is true
according to the text. Tick (✓) the correct option (**A**, **B** or **C**).
An example (0) has been done for you.

School days

It was January in Northern New York State, sixty-seven years ago. Snow lay deep everywhere. It loaded the bare limbs of oaks and maples and beeches; it bent the green boughs of cedars and spruces down into the drifts. Billows of snow covered the fields and the stone fences.

Down a long road through the woods, a little boy trudged to school, with his big brother Royal and his two sisters, Eliza Jane and Alice. Royal was thirteen years old, Eliza Jane was twelve, and Alice was ten. Almanzo was the youngest, and this was his first going-to-school because he was not quite nine years old. He had to walk fast to keep up with the others, and he had to carry the dinner-pail. "Royal ought to carry it," he said. "He's bigger than I am." Royal strode ahead, big and manly in boots, and Eliza Jane said, "No, 'Manzo. It's your turn to carry it now, because you're the littlest." She always knew what was best to do, and she made Almanzo and Alice do it.

The cold nipped Almanzo's eyelids and numbed his nose, but inside his good woolen clothes, he was warm. They were all made from the wool of his father's sheep. Girls tied heavy veils over their faces when they went out in winter. But Almanzo was a boy and his face was out in the frosty air. His cheeks were red as apples and his nose was redder than a cherry, and after he had walked a mile and a half he was glad to see the schoolhouse. It stood lonely in the frozen woods, at the foot of Hardscrabble Hill. Smoke was rising from the chimney, and the teacher had shoveled a path through the snowdrifts to the door. Five boys were scuffling in the deep snow by the path.

Almanzo was frightened when he saw them. Royal pretended not to be afraid, but he was. They were the big boys from the Hardscrabble Settlement, and everybody was afraid of them. They smashed little boys' sleds, for fun. They'd catch a little boy and swing him by his legs, then let him go headfirst into the deep snow. Sometimes they made two little boys fight each other, though the little boys didn't want to fight and begged to be let off.

These big boys were sixteen or seventeen years old, and they came to school only in the middle of the winter term. They came to thrash the teacher and break up the school. They boasted that no teacher could finish the winter term in that school, and no teacher ever had.

This year, the teacher was a slim, pale young man. His name was Mr. Corse. He was gentle and patient and never whipped little boys because they forgot how to spell a word. Almanzo felt sick inside when he thought how the big boys would beat Mr. Corse. Mr. Corse wasn't big enough to fight them.

There was a hush in the schoolhouse, and you could hear the noise the big boys were making outside. The other pupils stood whispering together by the big stove in the middle of the room. Mr. Corse sat at his desk. One thin cheek rested on his slim hand, and he was reading a book. He looked up and said pleasantly, "Good morning."

0. The story took place in

- A [ ] *spring.*
- B [ ] *summer.*
- C [✓] *winter.*

33. Almanzo was

- A [ ] eight.
- B [ ] nine.
- C [ ] twelve.

34. The dinner-pail was carried by

- A [ ] Royal.
- B [ ] Eliza Jane.
- C [ ] Almanzo.

35. Eliza Jane was

- A [ ] caring.
- B [ ] bossy.
- C [ ] helpful.

36. Royal was … the big boys.

- A [ ] friends with
- B [ ] impressed by
- C [ ] scared of

37. The big boys liked to

- A [ ] fight with other kids.
- B [ ] go to school.
- C [ ] bully the teachers.

38. Almanzo was worried about his

- A [ ] teacher.
- B [ ] brother.
- C [ ] sled.

39. Mr. Corse was

- A [ ] an experienced teacher.
- B [ ] a young and calm teacher.
- C [ ] a very strict teacher.